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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF ATKINSON



FOR THE
Year Ending February 15
1911

Amesbury Daily News Print
1911

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, HIGHWAY AGENTS
AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

Town of Atkinson, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15

1911

TOGETHER WITH

THE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1910 AS
PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

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TOWN WARRANT FOR MARCH 14th, 1911

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Academy Hall in said town on the second Tuesday of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose by ballot and major vote a town clerk.

2nd. To choose by ballot and major vote three selectmen.

3d. To choose by ballot and major vote a town treasurer.

4th. To choose by ballot and major vote a collector of taxes.

5th. To choose by ballot and major vote a library trustee.

6th. To choose all other necessary town officers.

7th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for maintenance of the poor.

8th. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for repairing highways.

9th. To see if the town will vote to raise the amount required by law to secure State aid for permanent road building.

10th. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money above that required by law, for the support of the Public Library.

11th. To see if the town will vote to pay a part or the whole of its outstanding notes, and make appropriation for the same.

12th. To take any further action the town may deem advisable in regard to the purchase of or laying out land for a new cemetery, and make appropriation for the same.

13th. By request. To see what action the town will take in regard to removing the stone posts set in front of the Public Library.

14th. By request. To see if the town wishes to take any action in regard to placing the tablet in the Kimball Public Library.

15th. By request. To see if the town will instruct the Library Trustees to place a sign on front of the Library building.

16th. To see if the town will vote a six per cent. discount on all taxes paid in full on or before September 2d, 1911.

17th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for all other town charges.

18th. To transact any and all other business that may legally come before said meeting.

19th. To hear the reports of all agents, auditors or committees, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of February, 1911.

JOHN H. SMITH,
EUGENE E. SAWYER,
GEORGE H. MASON,
Selectmen of Atkinson.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Valuation of resident real estate,	\$194,580 00
Valuation of non-resident real estate,	45,753 00
Number of horses, non-resident, 1,	65 00
Number of cows, non-resident 1,	30 00
Number of neat stock, non-resident 2,	30 00
Number of horses, resident 139,	11,655 00
Number of cows, resident, 353,	10,643 00
Number of oxen, resident 4,	275 00
Number of neat stock, resident 46,	897 00
Number of sheep resident 4,	18 00
Number of fowl, resident 533,	438 00
Number of polls 113,	11,300 00
Number of saw mills 2,	1,800 00
Number of canning factories 1,	700 00
Carriages,	700 00
—Automobiles 2,	1,600 00
Stock in trade, resident,	885 00
Stock in trade, non-resident,	4,239 00
Money at interest,	9,350 00
Electric power line,	5,000 00
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	\$299,958 00

On which the Selectmen have assessed the following:

State tax,	\$624 00
County tax,	718 19
Town charges,	400 00
Town poor,	240 00
School tax by law,	780 00

School tax by vote,	720 00
School supplies,	140 00
School flags,	10 00
Tuitions in Academy,	630 00
Repairs on school houses,	35 00
Highways, including permanent road fund,	749 89
Highways, to secure State aid,	149 50
Highways, special for Providence hill,	50 00
Public Library by law,	31 20
Public library for furniture,	13 00
Overlay,	138 45
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	\$5,429 23

The Selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer as follows:

School Board on account of schools,	\$1,500 00
School Board on account of tuitions,	630 00
School Board on account of supplies,	140 00
School Board on account of repairs,	35 00
School Board on account of flags, etc.,	10 00
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	2,315 00

Public Library.

Library trustees,	\$61 58
Fred P. Wright, merchandise and labor,	3 84
John H. Smith, lumber,	70
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	\$66 12

Town Aid.

S. Arthur Steele,	\$117 50
Daniel Card, board at County Farm,	149 50
Howard W. Hall, wood and groceries,	10 76
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	\$277 76

William C. Todd, Cemetery Fund.

George P. Dow, care of lots,	\$3 00
Town of Atkinson, balance due 1910,	1 47
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	\$4 47

Sarah E. Knight Cemetery Fund.

Abraham A. Dow, care of lot,	\$2 00
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Bridges and Culverts.

Harold N. Cross,	\$4 81
George C. Evans, balance due for labor on Hitchcock bridge, 1909,	3 49
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	\$8 30

New Bridge Work.

Edson E. Peaslee, lumber bill for 1909,	\$12 15
Colby Bros., plank at Depot District,	22 50
Colby Bros., plank on new road,	18 63
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	53 28

Providence Hill, Special Appropriation.

Benjamin O. Wood, labor,	\$16 50
Morris Caldwell,	8 00
John H. Smith,	25 50
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	\$50 00

State and County Taxes.

State tax,	\$ 624 00
County tax,	718 19
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	\$1,342 19

Highways.

Herbert N. Sawyer, District No. 9,	\$42 50
Cyrus F. Noyes, surveyor District No. 1,	123 50
Harold N. Cross, surveyor District No. 3,	32 61
George B. Freeman, surveyor District No. 8,	13 73
Elmer E. Conley, surveyor Districts No. 6-7,	22 74
Walter B. Lang, surveyor Districts No. 3-4,	91 78
William W. Aiken, surveyor District No. 2,	50 24
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	\$377 10

Snow Bills.

Charles Heath,	\$7 50
George B. Freeman,	4 26
Walter B. Lang,	5 35
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	\$17 11

Abatement of Taxes.

Samuel B. Mason, collector as per list, 1908,	3 90
Samuel B. Mason, collector, as per list, 1909,	11 28
Samuel B. Mason, collector, as per list, 1910,	7 24
Samuel B. Mason, collector, soldiers' exemption, 1910,	46 15
Cyrus F. Noyes, watering trough, 1910,	3 00
Samuel B. Mason, watering trough, 1910,	3 00
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	\$74 57

Interest.

Verta A. Smith, interest on note,	\$40 00
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Brown Tail Moth Trimming.

David F. Chute on town land, 1910-1911,	\$ 10 00
George E. Bernard, highways, etc., 1911,	125 00
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	\$135 00

Board of Health.

Samuel B. Mason, fumigating school house, No. 2,	\$1 00
George P. Dow, quarantining on house,	50
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	\$1 50

Damage by Dogs.

George B. Freeman,	\$7 50
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Miscellaneous.

Eugene E. Sawyer, trustee, rent of hall, 1909,	\$30 00
Jay M. Goodrich, insurance on Library buildings,	37 50
Amesbury Publishing Company, Town Reports,	
1910,	27 00
Jay M. Goodrich, care of hall and supplies to July	
1st, 1910,	7 50
Jay M. Goodrich, insurance on Library books, etc.,	15 00
Edson C. Eastman, inventory book,	1 12
Albert P. Cole, ballot inspector Nov., 1910,	2 00
Jay M. Goodrich, care of hall and supplies to Dec.	
31st, 1910,	5 25
W. Stillman Bartlett, legal services,	17 75
William E. Lancaster, surveying line,	5 00
Dr. E. A. Landman, return of births and deaths,	1 25
George A. Page, books and stationery,	6 25
Eugene E. Sawyer, trustee, rent of hall, 1910,	30 00
Ben R. Heald, ballot clerk, Nov., 1910,	2 00
John H. Smith, fencing town land,	2 50
John H. Smith, postage, telephone, etc.,	4 25
Moses C. Hall, ballot inspector Nov., 1910,	2 00
George C. Evans, ballot inspector, Nov., 1910,	2 00
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	\$198 37

Labor in Cemetery.

George A. Page, cemetery committee,	\$ 3 20
John H. Smith, paid for labor as per bill on file,	13 95
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	\$17 15

Town Officers.

Lyman W. Cole, supervisor, 1909-1910,	\$ 10 00
John K. Mason, moderator, 1909-1910,	4 00
John K. Mason, dog officer, 1910,	6 00
Walter A. Barnum, supervisor, 1909-1910,	10 00
Charles B. Wheeler, supervisor, 1909-1910,	10 00
Joshua A. Richards, police service,	3 00
George A. Page, school treasurer,	8 00
George A. Page, town treasurer,	15 00
George A. Page, town clerk,	20 00
Samuel B. Mason, district clerk,	1 00
Samuel B. Mason, tax collector,	105 00
George H. Mason, selectman,	25 00
Eugene E. Sawyer, selectman,	25 00
John H. Smith, selectman,	55 00
Walter B. Lang, truant officer,	3 00
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	\$300 00

Permanent Road Building.

By selectmen,	\$1,337 00
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Recapitulation.

Amount in collector's warrant,	\$5,429 23
Received from State:	
Railroad tax,	165 22
Savings bank tax,	194 26
Insurance tax,	7 50
Literary fund,	59 22
Proportion of school fund,	376 84
Rockingham County, 1909-1910,	32 38

Received from State:

Sale of apples,	6 37
Town of Plaistow on East road bridge, 1909,	16 86
Sale of standing grass,	35 00
W. C. Todd, cemetery fund,	4 47
Sarah E. Knight, cemetery fund,	2 00
Permanent road fund, 1909,	888 50
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	\$7,217 85

Selectmen's balance from appropriations and

receipts, 593 43

Paid out as follows:

School Board,	\$2,315 00
Public Library,	66 12
Town aid,	277 76
W. C. Todd, cemetery lot,	3 00
Balance due town from W. C. Todd fund, 1909,	1 47
Sarah E. Knight, cemetery lot,	2 00
Bridges and culverts,	8 30
New bridge work,	53 28
Special appropriation Providence Hill,	50 00
Highways,	377 10
Snow Bills,	17 11
Abatement of taxes,	74 57
Interest,	40 00
Brown tail moth trimming,	135 00
Labor in cemetery,	17 15
Board of Health,	1 50
Damage by dogs,	7 50
Miscellaneous,	198 37
Town officers,	300 00
State tax,	624 00

County tax,	718 19
Permanent road building,	1,337 00
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	\$6,624 42

JOHN H. SMITH,
EUGENE E. SAWYER,
GEORGE H. MASON,
Selectmen of Atkinson.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer charges himself with cash on hand Feb. 15, 1910,	\$1,267 88
Received from State:	
Insurance tax,	7 50
Railroad tax,	165 22
Savings Bank tax,	194 26
Literary fund,	59 22
Proportion of school fund,	376 84
Town clerk, dog licenses,	111 53
Collector of taxes, 1908,	3 90
Collector of taxes, 1909,	243 80
Collector of taxes, interest on taxes, 1909,	10 70
Collector of taxes, interest on taxes, 1910,	10 93
Collector of taxes, 1910,	5,478 28
County,	32 38
Susan E. Clarke, cemetery fund,	5 00
Primary election, C. E. Pressey,	1 00
Primary election, C. B. Wheeler,	3 00
C. B. Wheeler,	3 00
Haverhill Savings Bank, interest on S. E.	
Knight fund,	2 00
Pentucket Bank, interest on W. C. Todd fund,	4 47
George W. Russell, voluntary tax,	2 00
Selectmen, grass on town land,	35 00
Selectmen, sale of apples,	6 37
Town of Plaistow, expense of East road bridge,	16 86
	\$8,039 14

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

He credits himself as follows:

Paid selectmen's orders,	\$6,624 42
Paid school treasurer, literary fund,	59 22
Proportion of school fund,	376 84
Balance of dog licenses, 1909,	99 20
	—————\$7,159 68
Cash in hands of treasurer,	879 46

Financial Statement.

Overpaid appropriation for poor,	\$ 38 38
Cash in treasury,	879 46
	—————\$917 84

Liabilities.

Due Vera A. Smith,	\$1,000 00
Balance due memorial committee,	12 51
Balance due cemetery appropriation,	55 43
Balance due highway department,	196 28
Balance due library trustees,	27 69
	—————\$1,291 91
Balance against the town,	374 07

GEORGE A. PAGE,

Town Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditors have examined and audited the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Collector of Taxes, Town Treasurer and Trustees of the Public Library, and find these reports to be correctly computed and properly vouched for.

CHARLES I. PRESSEY,
GEORGE A. SAWYER.

Atkinson, March 2, 1911.

STATEMENT OF PERMANENT ROAD BUILDING BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Paid out as follows:

Labor from Dec. 31st, 1907 to Nov. 26th, 1910,	\$402 07
Merchandise as per bill, Nov. 26, 1910,	71 96
Blacksmithing as per bill Nov. 26, 1910,	6 10
Edward Adams, casting and rolling stone as per bill,	757 82
Essex Trap Rock Co., for broken stone as per bill,	531 22
H. Blake, use of pump,	5 00
Bills due for overwork, 1907,	256 01
Subscriptions uncollected, 1907,	256 47
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	\$2,651 28

Received as follows:

From town permanent road fund,	\$1,329 00
From town, extra appropriation,	8 00
State permanent road fund,	792 30
Bills estimated, 1907,	240 00
Subscriptions collected on 1907,	53 63
Subscriptions uncollected for 1907,	202 84
Balance due J. H. Smith,	25 51
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	\$2,651 28

JOHN H. SMITH,
EUGENE E. SAWYER,
GEORGE H. MASON,

Selectmen of Atkinson.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Amount in selectmen's warrants,	5,429 23
Assessed later,	49 05
Received of Geo. W. Russell,	2 00
Interest on taxes,	10 93
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	\$5,491 21

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Receipts from treasurer,	\$5,491 21
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S. B. MASON, Collector.

Atkinson, Feb. 15, 1911.

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Atkinson, N. H., Feb. 15, 1911.

The library treasurer charges himself with:

Received from town,	\$61 58
He credits himself as follows:	
Paid De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	\$33 37
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	28 21
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HERBERT N. SAWYER,
Treasurer.

Trustees' Report.

The following is the report of the trustees of the Public Library for the year ending Feb. 15, 1911:

Number of books added during the year, 70; number of new cards, 22.

The trustees also acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt during the year of books and magazines from the Atkinson Reading Club.

They would further call the attention of the patrons of the library to the fact that their co-operation is desired when new books are being selected. It is a source of regret to those having the matter in charge that so few suggestions are received in reply to the notices posted, asking for the titles of books wanted.

The library is for the benefit of the reading public and the public should exercise its rights in this matter and see that its desires are made known to the trustees.

WM. H. THOMPSON,
GEO. E. GILBERT.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS

Added during the year ending Feb. 15, 1911.

A.

A Modern Chronicle,	Winston Churchill
A Girl of the Limberlost,	Gene S. Porter
A Court of Inquiry,	Grace S. Richmond
Autobiography of 70 Years. 2 Vols.	George F. Hoar
At the Foot of the Rainbow,	Gene S. Porter
A Life for a Life,	Robert Herrick
A Dixie Rose,	Augusta Kortrecht
After Death, What?	Madison C. Peters

B.

Burning Daylight,	Jack London
Breakers Ahead,	A. Maynard Barbour
Ben Pepper,	Margaret Sidney
Bacon is Shakespeare,	E. D. Lawrence

C.

College Years,	Ralph D. Paine
Call of the South,	Robert L. Durham
Century Magazine. 2 Vols.	

E.

200 Eggs a Year Per Hen,	Edgar Warren
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F.

Farming It,	Henry A. Shute
Forty Minutes Late,	F. Hopkinson Smith
Flower of the Dusk,	Myrtle Reed
Flamsted Quarries,	Mary E. Waller

H.

Helen Grant, Graduate,	Amanda Douglass
History of the Telephone,	Herbert N. Casson
House of Mirth,	Edith Wharton
Hearts and Coronets,	Alice W. Fox
Hearts Contending,	George Schock
Hero Tales of the Far North,	Jacob A. Riis
Harper's Magazine. 2 Vols.	

K.

Keziah Coffin,	Joseph C. Lincoln
Kindred of the Wild,	Chas. G. Roberts

L.

Lost Borders,	Mary Austin
Lords of High Decision,	Meredith Nicholson
Love's Young Dream,	S. R. Crockett

M.

Mr. Justice Raffles,	E. W. Hornung
Max,	Katherine Thurston
Mistress of Shenstone,	Florence L. Barclay

N.

Northern Lights,	Gilbert Parker
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O.

Old Rose and Silver,	Myrtle Reed
On the Old Kearsarge,	Cyrus T. Brady
Old Lady No. 31,	Louise Forssland
Our Village,	Joseph C. Lincoln

P.

Possom Jone and Pere Rapheal,	Geo. W. Cable
Pardners,	Rex L. Beach

R.

Roxy,	Edward Eggleston
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S.

Susanna and Sue,	Kate D. Wiggin
Scribner's Magazine. 3 Vols.	
St. Nicholas Magazine. 2 Vols.	

T.

The Silver Horde,	Rex L. Beach
The House of the Whispering Pines,	Anna K. Green
The Man on the Box,	Harold McGrath
The Lilac Girl,	Ralph H. Barbour
The Crossways,	Helen R. Martin
The Making of An American,	Jacob A. Riis
The Involuntary Chaperone,	Margaret Cameron
The Garden of Eden,	George Hodges
Their Heart's Desire,	Frances F. Perry
The Barrier,	Rex L. Beach
The Plum Tree,	David G. Phillips
The Spinster Book,	Myrtle Reed
The Reaping,	Mary J. Taylor
The Impostor,	John R. Scott
The Illustrious Prince,	E. P. Oppenheim
The Winning Chance,	Elizabeth Dejeans
The Dark of the Moon,	S. R. Crockett
The Rosary,	Florence L. Barclay

W.

Where the Laborers are Few,	Margaret Deland
Wild Oats,	James Oppenheim
War of Independence,	John Fiske

SCHOOL BOARD

Teachers.

March 22.	Mrs. L. E. Marble, balance due 1910,	\$36 00
March 22.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	27 00
April 7.	May E. Smith,	90 00
April 7.	Clara C. Cutter,	50 00
April 7.	Lida Brines,	50 00
April 7.	Mabel L. Smith,	45 00
April 26.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	54 00
May 20.	Lida Brines,	70 00
May 20.	Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
June 3.	Mabel L. Smith,	45 00
June 3.	Clara C. Cutter,	90 00
June 3.	May E. Smith,	81 00
June 3.	Lida Brines,	20 00
June 3.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	36 00
Oct. 13.	C. O. Robinson,	36 00
Oct. 13.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	33 00
Oct. 13.	Margaret F. Stevens,	48 00
Oct. 25.	Lida A. M. Brines,	30 00
Oct. 25.	Mabel L. Smith,	54 00
Nov. 7.	Margaret F. Stevens,	48 00
Nov. 7.	C. O. Robinson,	36 00
Nov. 7.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	44 90
Nov. 18.	Mabel L. Smith,	36 00
Nov. 18.	Lida A. M. Brines,	50 00
Nov. 18.	C. O. Robinson,	18 00
Dec. 16.	Margaret F. Stevens,	79 20
Dec. 16.	Lida A. M. Brines,	36 00

Dec. 16.	Mabel L. Smith,	32 40
Dec. 16.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	55 00
Jan. 20.	C. O. Robinson,	14 40
Jan. 26.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	22 00
Feb. 15.	Mrs. L. E. Marble,	44 00
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		\$1,434 00

Superintendent.

March 25.	J. E. Wignot,	\$54 00
April 14.	J. E. Wignot,	27 00
May 20.	J. E. Wignot,	27 00
June 20.	J. E. Wignot,	27 00
July 20.	J. E. Wignot,	27 00
Aug. 15.	J. E. Wignot,	27 00
Sept. 15.	J. E. Wignot,	27 00
Oct. 25.	J. E. Wignot,	27 00
Nov. 7.	J. E. Wignot,	27 00
Dec. 16.	J. E. Wignot,	27 00
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		\$297 00

Repairs.

March 29.	J. M. Goodrich,	\$15 45
May 6.	O. L. Whittaker,	30 84
June 20.	D. D. Chase Lumber Co.,	13 95
Feb. 15.	O. L. Whittaker,	1 25
Feb. 15.	John H. Smith,	7 80
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		\$69 29

Music Teaching.

Oct. 26.	Wm. E. Hartwell,	\$18 00
Dec. 16.	Wm. E. Hartwell,	18 00
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		\$36 00

Fuel.

April 26.	H. N. Sawyer,	\$ 7 50
May 6.	J. Marin & Co.,	24 00
Sept. 27.	Conley & Parker,	17 00
Nov. 28.	Walter S. Noyes,	10 00
Dec. 30.	Walter S. Noyes,	5 00
Jan. 20.	J. H. Smith,	10 90
Feb. 15.	J. Marin & Co.,	16 00
Feb. 15.	E. E. Peaslee,	3 00
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		\$93 40

Miscellaneous.

March 22.	C. I. Pressey, engrossing of diplomas, 1909,	\$ 3 50
March 22.	C. I. Pressey, repairs on stove, District No. 2,	1 89
March 22.	C. I. Pressey, repairs on stove, District No. 3,	2 40
March 22.	C. I. Pressey, chair, District No. 5,	1 13
June 6.	H. N. Sawyer, ribbon for graduation, 1910,	2 03
June 6.	H. I. Noyes, organ rent,	12 00
July 20.	J. E. Wignot, expenses,	60
Aug. 15.	Engrossing diplomas,	2 50
Aug. 15.	Programs and stationery,	7 50
Aug. 15.	J. E. Wignot, expenses,	83
Oct. 25.—	Arthur F. Haynes,	1 75
Oct. 25.	J. E. Wignot, expenses for cleaning chim- ney and telephoning,	3 00
Dec. 18.	H. I. Noyes,	12 50
Feb. 15.	Ella Tuttle,	1 55
Feb. 15.	H. N. Sawyer, freight on books,	75
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		\$53 93

Tuition in Academy.

April 28.	Wm. H. Thompson,	\$170 00
Oct. 14.	Wm. H. Thompson,	265 00
Jan. 24.	Wm. H. Thompson,	170 00
Feb. 15.	Wm. H. Thompson,	85 00
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		\$690 00

Books and Supplies

April 28.	Ginn & Co.,	\$ 8 35
Aug. 15.	Ed. E. Babb & Co.,	9 05
Oct. 25.	Ed. E. Babb & Co.,	43 16
Oct. 25.	R. E. Lane,	45
Oct. 25.	Ginn & Co.,	10 10
Oct. 25.	Silver, Burdett,	6 30
Oct. 25.	Boston School Supply,	80
Oct. 25.	Charles E. Merrill Co.,	2 63
Oct. 25.	D. C. Heath & Co.,	2 68
Oct. 25.	American Book Co.,	2 08
Oct. 25.	Atkinson, Mantger & Grover,	1 15
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		\$92 73

Janitor Service.

April 26.	Clifford Sawyer,	\$ 8 00
June 14.	Ellen Noyes,	3 25
Feb. 13.	Ellen Noyes,	4 50
Feb. 15.	Charles Thompson,	2 80
Feb. 15.	Alvin Whittaker,	3 51
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		\$22 06

Atkinson Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 1911

Revenue.

Amount of money required by law, (page 1) bond	\$ 780 00
Additional voted by district meeting,	720 00
Assessed by selectmen for school books and supplies,	140 00
Assessed by selectmen for tuition in academy,	630 00
Assessed by selectmen for flags and appurtenances,	10 00
Literary fund December, 1910,	59 22
District superintendent,	162 00
High school tuition rebate,	102 00
Support of schools,	112 84
Repair fund,	35 00
Amount received for support of school from dog licenses,	99 20
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	\$2,850 26

Expenditures Fiscal Year ending February 15, 1911:

Teachers' salaries,	\$1,434 00
Superintendent,	297 00
Free text books and supplies,	92 73
Music teacher,	18 00
Academy, tuition,	690 00
Minor repairs,	69 29
Janitor service,	22 06
Fuel,	93 40
Miscellaneous expenses not included above,	53 93
Balance to treasurer for 1910 account,	76
Balance unexpended,	61 09
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	\$2,850 26

HERBERT N. SAWYER,
CHARLES I. PRESSEY,
HARRY I. NOYES,

School Board.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee of Atkinson:

I have the honor to submit to you my fourth annual report in which I purpose to call your attention to the weak places in our educational system, what we have done and are doing to strengthen them, and what we further plan to do. There are appended, also, the report of the Supervisor of Music, a Table of Vital Statistics covering a period of five years, the usual statistical table for the current town year and the Roll of Honor.

The weakest part of all educational systems today is in the quality of the teaching. This statement does not mean that teachers do not work hard and are not interested in their work—if anything they overwork and take themselves too seriously—my point is that they are doing all they can in the best way that they know how, but their own experience, training, and in many cases, youthfulness, have contributed to the growth of a fundamentally wrong conception of what education really means. It is hard to define this wrong idea in a word but perhaps bookishness would express my thought more nearly than any other one word. The most important work of the year has been a constant effort to drive out this bookishness from the schoolrooms and let in more independent “thinking.” There is a method of teaching which assigns successive portions of some text book one day “to be studied” (which, being interpreted, means memorized) and the next day holds a recitation, a process of questioning by the teacher designed to call up as much as possible of the memorized text as the children are able to reproduce verbatim. This is the weak spot. There is no gain-saying the fact that the above mentioned process has been wasteful and, at the same time, a flat, stale, and unprofitable one to the pupils. We have been laying too much stress on the acquirement of a body of useful facts

from books, without sufficient emphasis upon the thinking about those facts. A teacher's proper conception of her work should be not only to afford impressions to the minds of the children, but what is of infinitely greater importance, see to it that their minds react upon these impressions or, in other words, "think." Our teachers have made a good beginning at working this idea out in the school studies somewhat like this: In history, for instance, they have the pupils study definite "Topics," laying greatest emphasis upon the thinking required to see the relation between cause and effect; in arithmetic, processes are learned through problems that deal with quantities and conditions familiar to the experience of the children, pencil and paper being used only when absolutely necessary; in civics, a body of useful facts about government is gained by the children through a personal inquiry into town affairs and research into town reports and public documents; in short, in all studies, the central purpose has been to awaken intelligence and develop power in the children.

This leads us to another very important consideration: "How may we best determine when our pupils are fit for the Academy?" Should the answer be "When they have gone through books in history, geography, arithmetic, etc., and have passed successfully examinations in each?" In a sort of hazy way this has been our answer and such a view of the question is wrong. Children will be considered well equipped for the Academy when they have been over the ground covered by the Program of studies without memorizing words and have gained considerable skill in mental processes by having constantly done their own thinking, and can seek out evidence form and express clearly their own opinions about things. We can not settle this question on narrower ground, like a consideration of Algebra or Latin or any particular study as having any bearing of consequence

upon it. It is not a question of particular studies or how much ground has been covered in text books. Text books or particular studies in themselves cannot fit children for the secondary school or the workaday duties of life. It takes a live teacher of considerable years and possessing breadth of view herself, to do this. She is the force that must arouse interest, sift and ground opinions, and get thinking done.

We have adopted the Plymouth Normal School method of rating progress which is simply the filing away in envelopes, at frequent times, samples of the pupils' work. At the end of the year these envelopes furnish more complete evidence of what the pupils have done and can do than an examination could. It is not intended to do away with tests—they are useful—but, hereafter, scholars will be promoted and graduated mostly on the evidence found in these envelopes.

The "Suggested Schoolroom Minimum Equipment List" furnished by the Department of Public Instruction has had considerable time devoted to it in our teachers' meetings with results to the schools in the matter of improved sanitary surroundings especially. Blackboards and chalk trays are washed every day; floors are swept daily; a record of the temperature is kept at least four times a day; the children are expected to furnish their own drinking cups; pans of water are kept on the stoves in winter months; out-buildings are given better inspection; on the whole, school surroundings have been made more healthful. We still lack sinks or washstands—a matter that ought to be given attention.

It is well for all of us to remember those who daily undergo the toil of bringing up our children in the way they should go, and never, by hasty word or deed, add to the necessarily heavy burdens that our teachers bear. It is a simple matter to pick flaws in, and criticize public servants, especially teachers, and we are prone to forget

the nervous strain under which they work. It will do much good to stop and consider the many harrowing trials in the daily routine work of these women and make more of an effort to see the really noble labor they are engaged in, and accord them a word or two of encouragement and sympathy. Teaching is a complex, nerve-racking, brain-fagging business. To improve it whenever we have seen the opportunity has been our constant endeavor throughout the year. To carry it on successfully conditions must be right, that is, parents, teachers, committee and superintendent must work together in harmony. It is a source of great encouragement to me and a sign of hopeful things to come to report just such conditions prevailing here.

Very respectfully submitted,

J. E. WIGNOT,

Superintendent.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR LAST FIVE YEARS.

Pupils and Attendance.

	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906
Total enrollment,	78	78	79	80	84
Boys,	36	30	38	41	40
Girls,	42	48	41	39	44
Average daily attendance in all schools together,	59	60	57	49	56
Average daily absence in all schools together,	5	4	7	9	7
Average daily membership in all schools together,	64	64	64	58	63
Percent of attendance,	92	94	89	84	88
Number of pupils not absent or tardy for the year,	8	8	6	1	..
Number attending academy,	17	17	16	15	15

Length of Year.

Average length of year in weeks of five days,	32 1-2	33 3-5	32 2-5	33 1-5	26 1-4
Greatest number of weeks in any one school,	34 3-5	34	35	37	27
Least number of weeks in any one school,	31	32	30	30½	25

Teachers.

Number of different regular women teachers,	5	8	5	5	5
Average salary of women teachers per school month,	37.60	34.95	35.28	34	28.80
Number of changes during the year,	0	3	0	0	0
Number teaching the first time,	0	2	0	0	1
Number of normal graduates teaching,	1	0	0	0	0
Number of training school graduates teaching,	2	1	3	2	0
Number of teachers holding state certificates,	1	1	0		
Number who attended an institute during year,	5	6	5	3	

STATISTICAL TABLE COVERING ONE YEAR.

Schools	Number one			Number two			Number three			Number four			Number five		
Teachers	Clara C. Cutter	Margaret E. Stevens	" " "	May E. Smith	Catharine O. Robinson	" " "	Lida A. M. Brines	" " "	" " "	Mrs. L. Eugene Marble	" " "	" " "	Mabel L. Smith	" " "	" " "
Terms	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter
Weeks	13	10	3-5 4	13	13	3-5 6	13	11	3-5 5	13	12	5	13	13	3-5 4
Pupils	10	12	10	18	14	14	12	10	10	15	16	14	9	9	9
Boys	5	5	5	13	8	7	5	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Girls	5	8	5	5	6	7	7	6	6	11	12	10	4	4	4
Av. Attendance	9	11	9	13	13	13	7	9	7	14	15	13	8	8	8
Av. Absence	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Av. Membership	9	12	10	15	14	14	8	10	8	15	16	14	9	9	9
Percent of Attendance	91	97	92	88	96	92	92	93	86	98	97	92	97	96	94
Tardinesses	10	8	3	12	9	8	1	0	2	2	0	0	8	11	13
Visits by Supt.	10	11	4	9	7	4	10	9	5	7	10	3	11	12	4
Visits by Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Visits by Others	7	1	1	32	10	7	22	42	0	18	5	0	9	13	1
No. of Pupils not absent or tardy	2	3	4	2	3	4	2	3	4	4	10	8	2	2	4
Wages of Teacher per School month	\$40	\$48	\$48	\$36	\$36	\$36	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$36	\$14	\$44	\$36	\$36	\$36

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Board of
Atkinson, N. H.:

I have been asked to submit a report of what has been attempted in the teaching of music in the schools of your town. Very little can be said of what has been accomplished in the short time devoted to the new subject, but a few words can be given as to the prospect for future work. Much interest in music has been noticed among the pupils, and a foundation upon which to build has been well established in your schools.

The method, or scheme, of reading music can be learned in a comparatively short time, but to acquire even a small measure of success, a longer period filled with systematic practice in scale work, time beating and syllable reading, must necessarily elapse. The pupils of the higher grades have learned well the technical side of the subject, such as the signatures of the keys, where the letters are located on the staff, time language and the value of the notes and rests, in fact, about all that can be learned by them before they have mastered the difficult scale work. The practical part of the study is much slower in development and requires more painstaking and patient teaching.

Perhaps a few words relative to my work in the Academy would not be out of place in this report, as it must necessarily concern largely the people of the town. The pupils both girls and boys have shown much greater interest in music than was expected, and not a little talent

has been developed. An excellent new book has been provided, which is enjoyed by the pupils, and higher hopes for the success of the music are entertained by those in authority.

My thanks are due to the teachers of the town schools for excellent cooperation; to superintendent and school board for new material; and to the pupils for best endeavor.

Respectfully,

W. E. HARTWELL, Supervisor of Music.
Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 18, 1911.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy for the year ending July 15, 1909.

Roland Noyes, Bessie M. Salmon, Milton Pressey, Eleanor Pressey, Margaret A. Wood, Harold E. Brickett

For Two Terms.

Marlon J. Noyes, Charles Wheeler, Prescott Crowell, Ernestine Barnum, Richard Heald, Bernice L. Poor, Blanche M. Cole, Dorris L. Freeman, Ernest E. Kimball.

For One Term.

Frank Noyes, Ellen Alby, Beatrice Alby, Ruth White, Marjorie Thompson, Ward Wright, Clarence Wheeler, Edna Young, Wesley Young, Edna E. Poor, Gladys M. Lucy, Walter E. Kimball, Blanche E. Brickett.

Summary of Roll of Honor by Schools.

Schools	Year	Two Terms	One Term.
Number One,	2	1	3
Number Two,	2	2	1
Number Three,	0	2	5
Number Four,	1	3	2
Number Five,	1	1	2

Names of pupils who have had their tuitions paid in Academy this year :

Spring Term—George H. Foss, Maurice A. Given, Ernest L. Howard, Harold E. Noyes, Clifford A. Sawyer, Ralph A. Sawyer, Wm. H. Thompson, Ernest Wright, Polly E. Barnum, Anna M. Card, Gladys E. Conley, Abbie G. Currier, C. Ruth Noyes, Mary E. Pressey, Ruth L. Sawyer, Rose M. Senecall, Ruth F. Thompson.

Fall Term—Ernestine H. Barnum, Polly E. Barnum, Gladys E. Conley, Abbie G. Currier, Eugene Currier, Prescott H. Crowell, George H. Foss, Maurice A. Given, Pearl M. Grant, Pearl E. Kimball (one-half term), Ernest L. Howard, C. Ruth Noyes, Harold E. Noyes, Mary E. Pressey, Ralph A. Sawyer, Ruth L. Sawyer, Clifford A. Sawyer, Rose M. Senecall, Estelle B. Simpson, Charles C. Thompson, Ruth F. Thompson, Wm. H. Thompson, Jr., Charles B. Wheeler, Marion G. Wheeler, Alvin M. Whittaker, Margaret A. Wood, Ward A. Wright.

Winter Term—Ernestine H. Barnum, Polly E. Barnum, Gladys E. Conley, Abbie G. Currier, Prescott H. Crowell, George H. Foss, Maurice A. Given, Pearl M. Grant (one-half term), Ernest L. Howard, Pearl E. Kimball, C. Ruth Noyes, Harold E. Noyes, Mary E. Pressey, Ralph A. Sawyer, Ruth L. Sawyer, Clifford A. Sawyer, Rose M. Senecall, Estelle B. Simpson, Charles C. Thompson, Ruth F. Thompson, Wm. H. Thompson, Jr., Charles B. Wheeler, Jr., Marion G. Wheeler, Alvin M. Whittaker, Margaret A. Wood, Ward A. Wright.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF ATKINSON N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1910

Place and Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Mar.	Age of each in yrs.	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condition: whether 1st, 2d or 3rd	Name, Res. and Official Station of person by whom married
Oct. 21 Plaistow, N.H.	Joseph E. Clevery Viola Marshall	Atkinson, N. H Merrimac, Mass.	24 W 20 W	W W	Laborer Milliner	Nova Scotia Merrimac, Mass.	William Clevery Amelia Banks Perry Marshall	Nova Scotia " "	1st 1st	John H. Noyes Justice of the Peace Plaistow, N. H.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1910.

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Male	Female	Liv. or Stillborn	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Res. of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Feb. 13	Irene R. Young		F	L	4	W	Thomas A. Young	Loretta D. Chute	Atson	Laborer	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia
Mar. 18	Mary D. Mason	M	F	L	1	W	Orville Graffam	Naborce Perkins		Farmer	Maine	Mass.
Mar. 31	Alice E. Bonney		F	L	4	W	George H. Mason	Sadie Simmonds		Mason	Atkinson	Hill, N. H.
Nov. 6							Wilson Bonney	Alice Blaisdell		Shoe Cutter	Paris, Me.	Haverhill, Mass.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H. FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1910.

Date of Death	Name and Surname of deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Condition	Sex	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death
		Years	Months					Father	Mother			
Feb. 10	Roxanna W. Little	28	5	Windam, N. H.	W	F	At Home	Salem, N. H.	Salem, N. H.	James B. Whittaker	Roxanna Saunders	Heart Failure
Mar. 25	Irene R. Young	89	1	Atkinson, N. H.	W	F	At Home	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	Thomas A. Young	Loretta D. Chute,	Pneumonia
Apr. 8	Lydia Page	59	10		W	F	At Home	Atkinson	Litchfield	Jessie Little	Lovia Reid	Grippe
Aug. 13	Lena A. Mann	59	12	Thomasston, Me.	W	F	Housekeeper	Canada	Canada	John B. Hill	Mary E. Speir	Cholera Infantum
" 13	Donald Hill	39	8	Medburn, Mass.	W	M	Housewife	Derry, N. H.	Derry, N. H.	Thomas Little	Anelia Morse	Faty deg. of heart
" 31	Alice M. Wason	95	22	Atkinson, N. H.	W	F	Farmer	Atkinson	Atkinson	Moses Low, 2nd	Sally Hanson	Acute n. of heart
Sept. 28	Geo. Parsons Dow	70	9	Center Harbor	W	M	At Home	Salem, N. H.	Centre Harbor	Webster Hall	Abigail Hawkins	Pneumonia
Oct. 22	Alonzo J. Hall	83	1		W	M	At Home	Peterborough	Gilford, N. H.	John Annan	Sarah M. Langley	Heart disease
Nov. 26	Sarah J. Hale	82	4		W	F	"	Salem, N. H.	Buckfield, Me.	Daniel Chase	Sally Corning	Paralysis
Dec. 28	Sarah Conley	46	11	Salem, N. H.	W	F	"	Salem, N. H.	Buckfield, Me.	Joseph Damon	Mabala Allen	Weak heart
Dec. 28	Judith A. Given	45	2	Buckfield, Me.	W	F	"	Buckfield, Me.	Buckfield, Me.			

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE A. PAGE, Town Clerk.

School District Treasurer's Report.

Received from Town Treasurer amount of	
school money,	\$1,500 00
Received from repair fund,	35 00
From balance dog licenses 1909,	99 20
From flag fund,	10 00
From supply fund,	140 00
From tuition in Academy,	630 00
From State literary fund,	59 22
From proportion of school fund,	376 84
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	\$2,850 26

He credits himself as follows:

Paid school orders,	\$2,789 17
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	61 09

GEORGE A. PAGE,

School Treasurer.

The Auditor has examined and audited the report of the Treasurer of the School Board and finds this report to be correctly computed and all payments properly audited for.

GEORGE A. SAWYER,

Auditor.

Atkinson, N. H., March 2, 1911.

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